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NEW DELHI FOR RSO

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJ: BOMB ATTEMPT

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING TELEPHONE ADMINATION DIRECTED AGAINST SHOWING
OF "VICTORY AT ENTIBBE" AT EMBASSY'S GSO COMPOUND, A SMALL APPARATUS
WHICH LOOKS LIKE A TIMED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DISCOVERED AT
ABOUT 9:55 PM JUNE 17 BEHIND A GAS PUMP IN THE COMPOUND.
IT WAS REMOVED FROM THE COMPOUND BY THE EMBASSY'S SECURITY
FSL AND AND IS BEING EXAMINED BY BDG BOMB DISPOSAL PER-
SONNEL. A SEARCH OF EMBASSY AND AID OFFICE SPACES AND EXTERIOR
OF ICA PREMISES CONDUCTED BY MSGS LATER DURING NIGHT WAS
NEGATIVE. END SUMMARY.

1. ABOUT 2:30 PM JUNE 17 DCM RECEIVED ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL
(HIS HOME PHONE IS LISTED AS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN LOCAL BOOK)
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APPARENTLY FROM A BANGLADESHI, DEMANDING THAT SHOWING OF "VICTORY AT
ENTIBBE", WHICH HAD BEEN EXHIBITED PREVIOUS NIGHT AT OUR SMALL THEATE
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IN THE GSO BUILDING AND WAS SCHEDULED AGAIN THAT NIGHT, BE
STOPPED. AT OUR REQUEST LOCAL POLICE PROVIDED LIMITED POLICE PRESENCE
AT GSO COMPOUND. POST SECURITY PERSONNEL WERE PLACED ON ALERT AT
COMPOUND AND TOLD TO LOOK FOR SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES

BROUGHT TO THEATER. ABOUT 9:55 PM ONE OF OUR CHOWKIDARS (CIVILIAN WATCHMEN) FOUND A SMALL PARCEL NEXT TO A GASOLINE PUMP. THE EMBASSY SECURITY FSL, WHO HAD BEEN AT THE GSO COMPOUND FROM 4 PM ON, DESCRIBED THE PARCEL AS A BLUE PLASTIC BAG CONTAINING AN ELBOW OF TWO-INCH PIPE WITH SOME WIRES ATTACHED TO IT AND A "WATCH" ON THE OUTSIDE FIXED TO THE PIPE WITH SCOTCH TAPE. THE WHOLE DEVICE WAS ABOUT SIX INCHES ACROSS. THE FSL TOOK THE BAG AND CONTENTS TO A SAFE AREA ACROSS THE STREET (WHICH WAS THEN BLOCKED OFF BY THE POLICE, THE PATRONS OF THE GSO MOVIE HAVING DEPARTED IN THEIR CARS) AND CALLED, THROUGH THE POLICE, FOR BANGLADESH ARMY DEMOLITION PERSONNEL TO EXAMINE THE DEVICE AND DETERMINE WHETHER IT WAS DANGEROUS. THIS EXAMINATION IS NOW UNDER WAY (1100 JUNE 18). WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN WE WILL HAVE THE RESULTS.

2. A THOROUGH SEARCH OF EMBASSY AND AID OFFICES WAS CONDUCTED BY MSGS DURING THE NIGHT; THEY ALSO CHECKED THE EXTERIORS OF TWO SMALL BUILDINGS OCCUPIED BY ICA. NOTHING UNUSUAL WAS DISCOVERED. ALL USG BUILDINGS ARE EITHER NOW UNDER POLICE GUARD OR SUCH GUARD BEING REQUESTED.

3. WE SHALL REPORT FURTHER ON THE STATUS OF THE "DEVICE" AND WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO FIND OUT HOW THE PARCEL GOT NEXT TO THE GAS PUMP. THE PUMP WAS CLOSED AND THE AREA ADJACENT TO IT FULL OF PARKED CARS DURING THE MOVIE SHOWING (NO BANGLADESHIS MAY
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ATTEND BUT MANY FOREIGNERS CAN AND DO).

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE SUGGEST THAT ALL POSTS WHERE THIS FILM IS BEING SHOWN BE ALERTED TO THIS BOMBING ATTEMPT IMMEDIATELY. FILM LEAVES HERE ON TUESDAY FOR LONDON, FOR COLOMBIA/WARNER DISTRIBUTORS.

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